out a document depicting the status of Science in India with the title "India Science Report". The report among several other things mentions about the availability of good science teachers. However, no shortage of science teachers is reported by any organization to this Ministry.

**Improvement in condition of women and children**

†506. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a ) whether Government are taking any concrete steps to improve the social and economic condition of women and children of rural areas living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to annonce any new scheme for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is implementing various schemes such as Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP), Swayamsidha, Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), programmes of Central Social Welfare Board such as Awareness Generation Camps, Condensed Course of Education for Women, Training programmes, etc. to improve the social and economic condition of women in the country.

(c) and (d) New schemes for this purpose are not proposed to be announced in the immediate future.

**Entry of foreign institutions under WTO**

†507. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a ) whether Government cannot ban entry of the foreign educational institutions in the country under WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of the cases pending with Government seeking for permission by the foreign educational institutions?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.